

In the Claims

The current status of the claims follows:

Claims 1 - 28 (Canceled)

Claim 29. (Currently Amended) A method for minimizing weight gain in a patient taking a psychotropic active compound comprising administering the psychotropic active compound to said patient, ~~who is in need of said compound for the treatment of schizophrenia, and other psychoses, bipolar disorders, depressive illness, impulse-control disorders and related conditions, and who also wishes to minimize weight gain,~~ administering a safe and effective amount of a histamine H₂-receptor antagonist to minimize weight gain.

Claim 30. (Currently Amended) A method for minimizing weight gain in a patient taking a mood altering drug comprising administering the mood altering drug to said patient, ~~who is in need of said compound for the treatment of schizophrenia, and other psychoses, bipolar disorders, depressive illness, impulse-control disorders and related conditions, and who also wishes to minimize weight gain,~~ administering a safe and effective amount of a histamine H₂-receptor antagonist and who also wishes to minimize weight gain.

Claim 31. (Currently Amended) A method for minimizing weight gain in a patient taking an unconventional antipsychotic drug comprising administering the unconventional antipsychotic drug to said patient, ~~who is in need of said compound for the treatment of~~

schizophrenia, and other psychoses, bipolar disorders, depressive illness, impulse-control disorders and related conditions, and administering who also wishes to minimize weight gain, a safe and effective amount of a histamine H₂-receptor antagonist who also wishes to minimize weight gain.

Claim 32. (Currently amended) A method for minimizing weight gain in a patient taking a psychotropic active compound ~~which is selected from a group consisting of clozapine, risperidone, quetiapine fumarate, divalproex, olanzapine and mirtazapine~~ comprising administering the psychotropic active compound, which is selected from a group consisting of clozapine, risperidone, quetiapine fumarate, divalproex, olanzapine and mirtazapine, to said patient, ~~who is in need of such compound and administering who also wishes to minimize weight gain,~~ a safe and effective amount of a histamine H₂-receptor antagonist to minimize weight gain.

Claim 33. (Previously presented) The method of Claims 29, 30, 31 or 32 where the histamine H₂-receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of nizatidine, famotidine, cimetidine, and ranitidine.

Claim 34. (Previously presented) The process of Claim 29, 30, 31 or 32 wherein the histamine H₂-receptor antagonist is given separately from the psycho tropic drugs.

Claim 35. (Currently amended) A psycho tropically active controlled weight gain drug ~~composition~~ combination comprising a

safe and effective amount of a psycho tropically active drug for the treatment of schizophrenia, and other psychoses, bipolar disorders, depressive illness, impulse-control disorders and related conditions in combination with a safe and effective amount of a histamine H₂-receptor antagonist ~~for use by patients in need of said drug composition who also wish~~ to minimize weight gain.

Claim 36. (Currently amended) A mood altering controlled weight gain drug ~~composition~~ combination comprising ~~of~~ a safe and effective amount of a mood altering drug for the treatment of schizophrenia, and other psychoses, bipolar disorders, depressive illness, impulse-control disorders and related conditions in combination with a safe and effective amount of a histamine H₂-receptor antagonist ~~for use by patients in need of said drug composition who also wish~~ to minimize weight gain.

Claim 37. (Currently amended) An antipsychotic controlled weight gain drug ~~composition~~ combination comprising ~~of~~ a safe and effective amount of an antipsychotic drug for the treatment of schizophrenia, and other psychoses, bipolar disorders, depressive illness, impulse-control disorders and related conditions in combination with a safe and effective amount of a histamine H₂-receptor antagonist ~~for use by patients in need of said drug composition who also wish~~ to minimize weight gain.

Claim 38. (Currently amended) A psycho tropically active controlled weight gain drug ~~composition~~ combination comprising ~~of~~

a safe and effective amount of an psycho tropic active compound which is selected from the group consisting of olanzapine, clozapine, risperidone, quetiapine fumarate, divalproex, olanzapine and mirtazapine for the treatment of schizophrenia, and other psychoses, bipolar disorders, depressive illness, impulse-control disorders and related conditions in ~~composition~~ combination with a safe and effective amount of a histamine H₂-receptor antagonist ~~for use by patients in need of said drug composition who also wish to~~ minimize weight gain.

Claim 39. (Previously presented) The composition of Claims 35, 36, 37 or 38 wherein the histamine H₂-receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of nizatidine, famotidine, cimetidine, and ranitidine.